Kotonoba Drive

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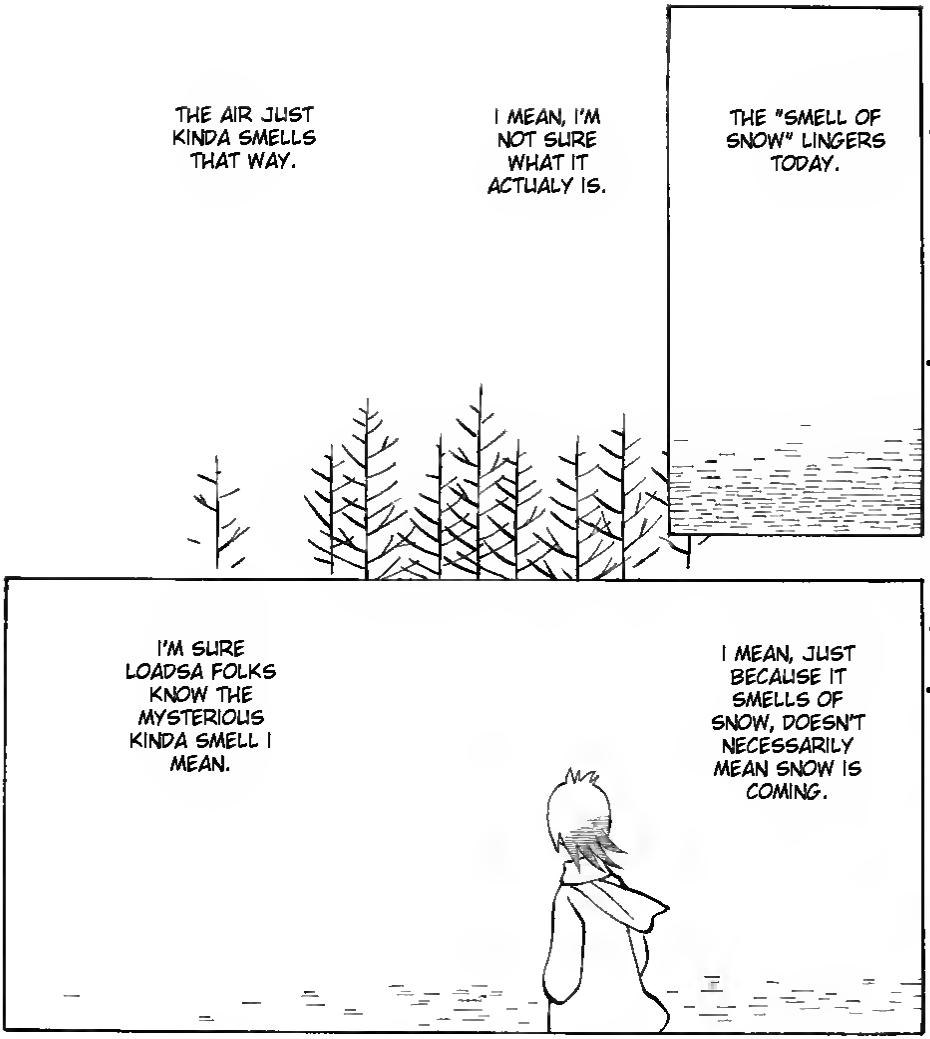
[The Fragrant Snow]


THE "SMELL OF SNOW" LINGERS TODAY.
I MEAN, I'M NOT SURE WHAT IT ACTUALY IS.
THE AIR JUST KINDA SMELLS THAT WAY.
I MEAN, JUST BECAUSE IT SMELLS OF SNOW, DOESN'T NECESSARILY MEAN SNOW IS COMING.
I'M SURE LOADSA FOLKS KNOW THE MYSTERIOUS KINDA SMELL I MEAN.
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Unseen, but definitely there. A faint, mysterious smell.

ANYWAYS, THAT'S THE KINDA SMELL THAT'S HERE NOW.

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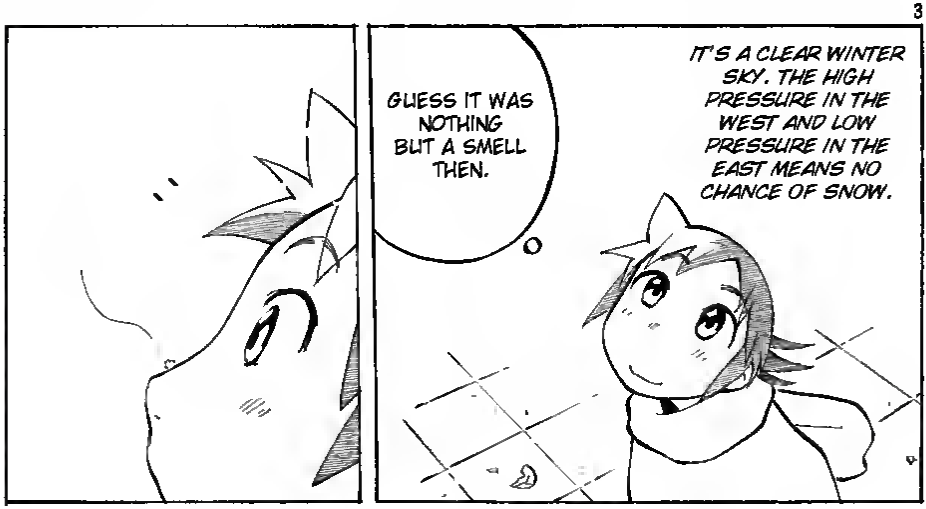
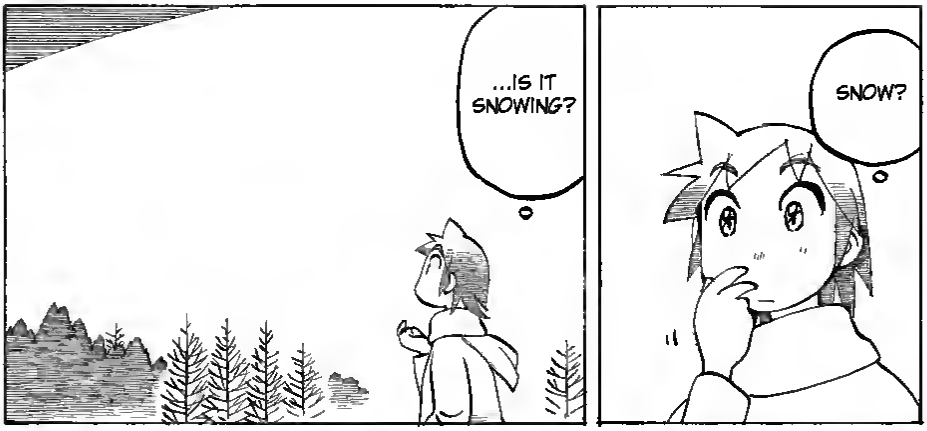

GUESS IT WAS NOTHING BUT A SMELL THEN.
IT'S A CLEAR WINTER SKY. THE HIGH PRESSURE IN THE WEST AND LOW PRESSURE IN THE EAST MEANS NO CHANCE OF SNOW.



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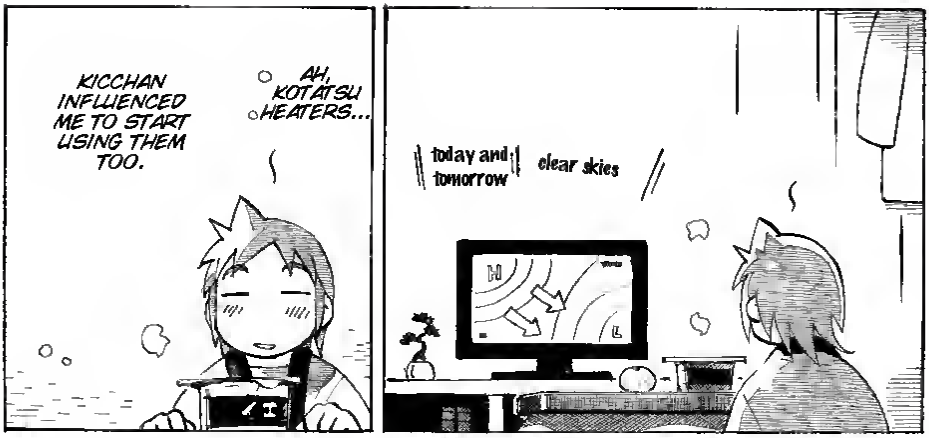
T/N* radiative cooling occurs when there are no clouds to trap atmospheric heat


KICCHAN INFLUENCED ME TO START USING THEM TOO.
AH, KOTATSU HEATERS...
today and tomorrow
clear skies
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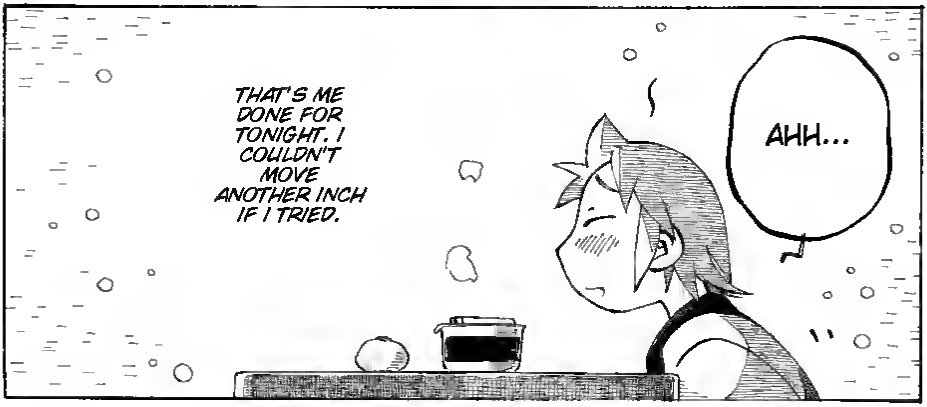
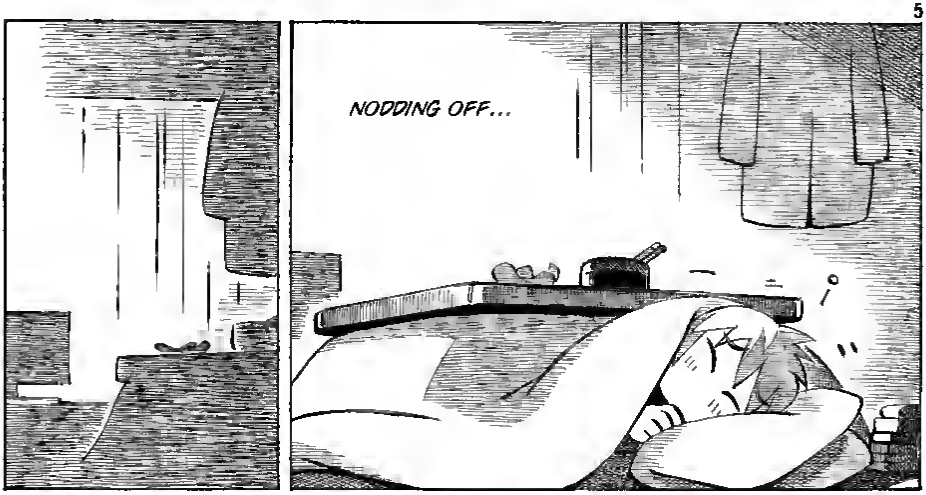
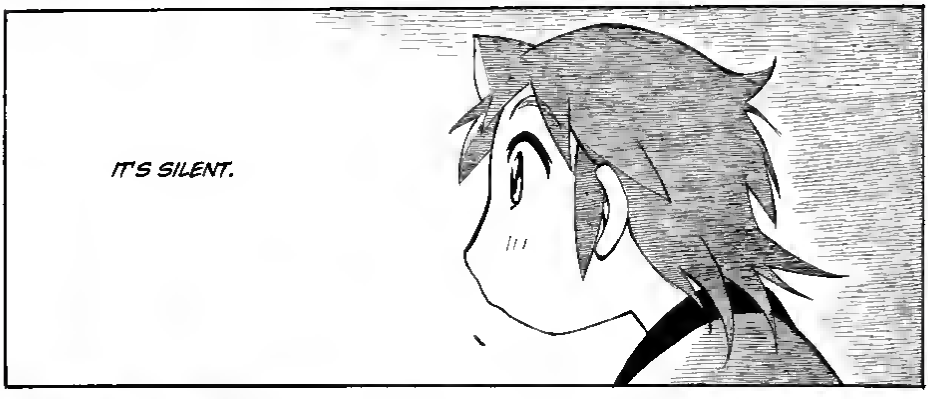

THAT'S ME DONE FOR TONIGHT. I COULDN'T MOVE ANOTHER INCH IF I TRIED.
AHH...


NODDING OFF...

...I SHOULD AT LEAST BRUSH MY TEETH.
<SIT UP>
JUST WHAT TIME IS IT ANYWAYS?
FEELS LIKE I'VE SLEPT FOR AGES...



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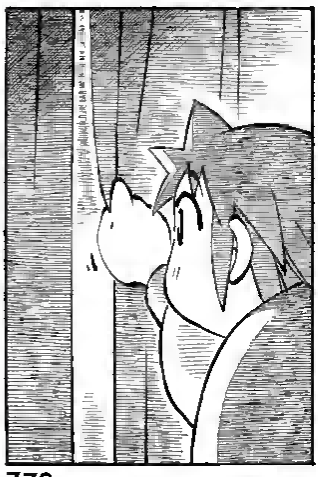
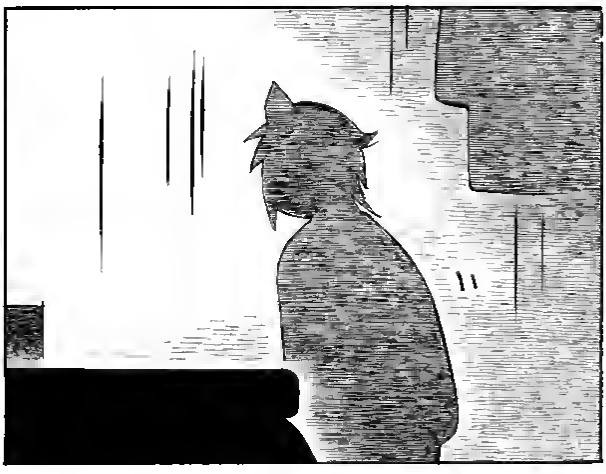
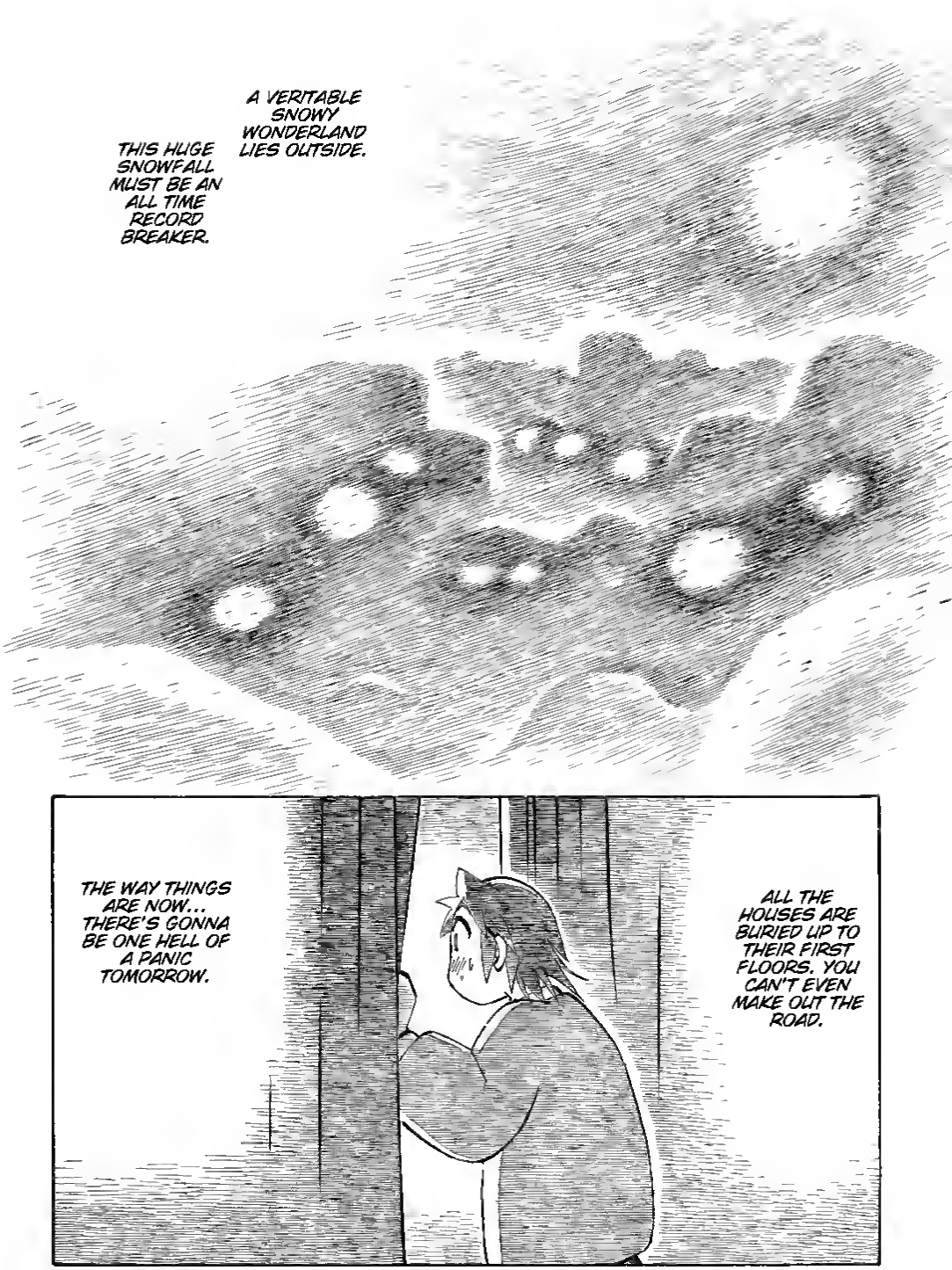
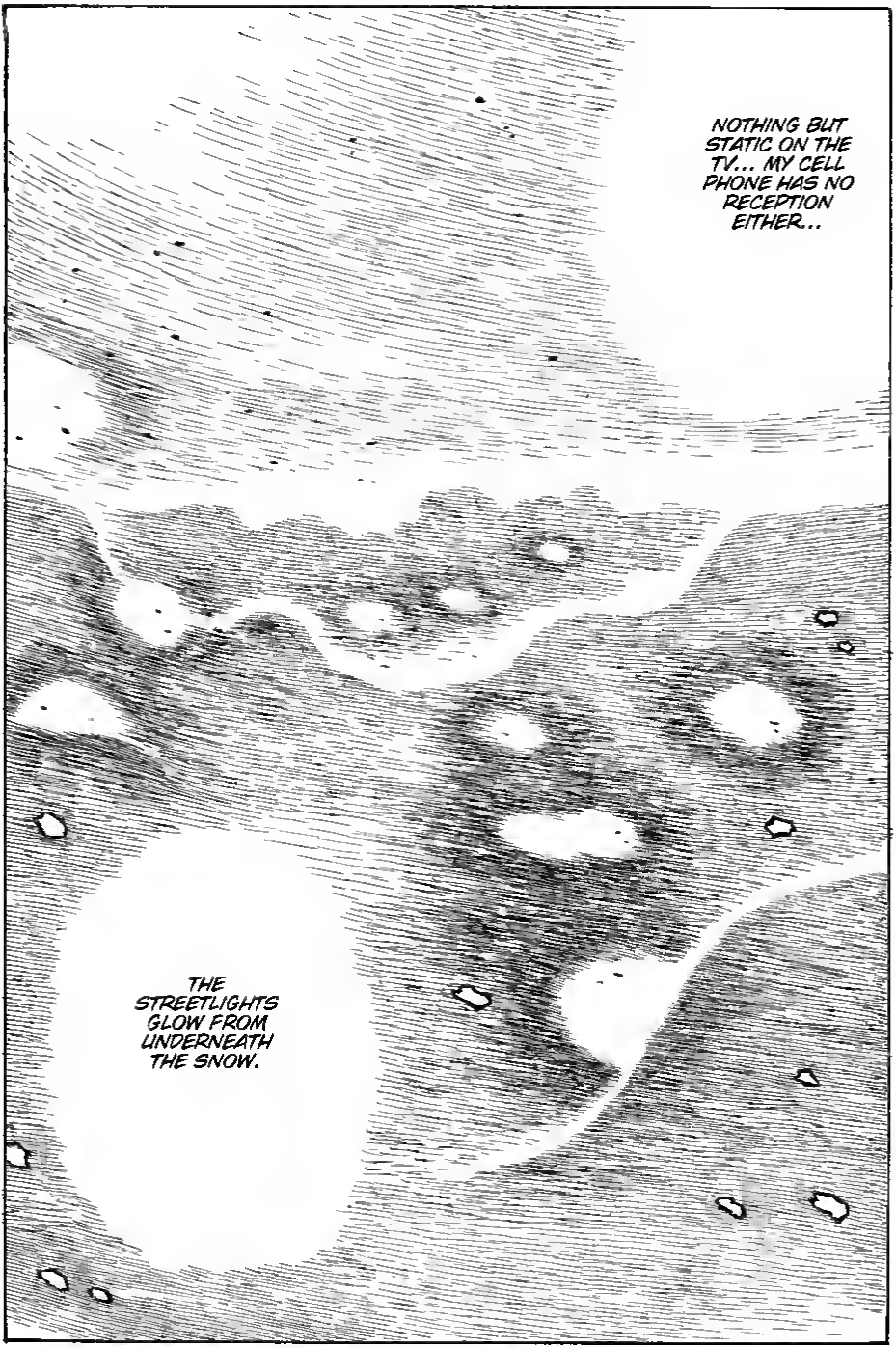
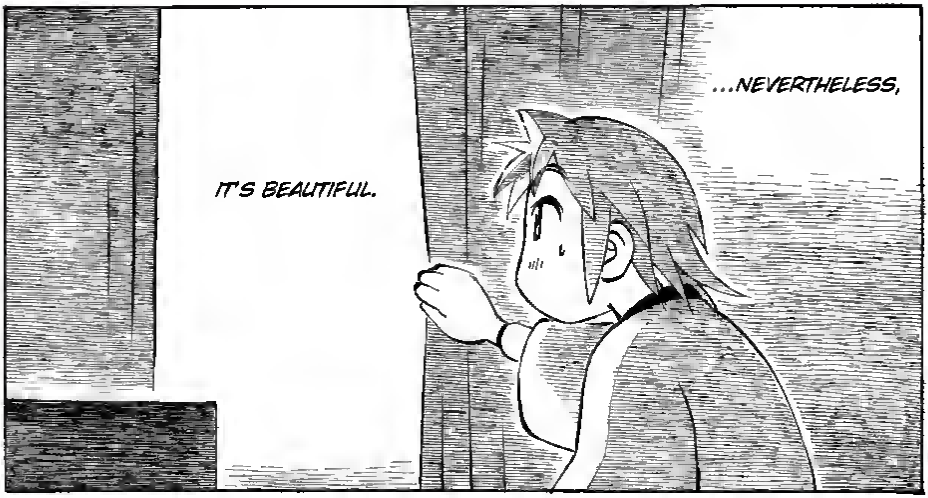


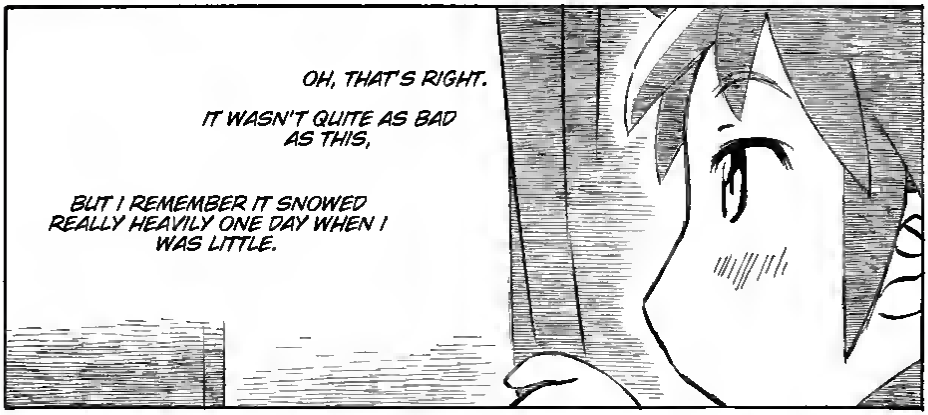


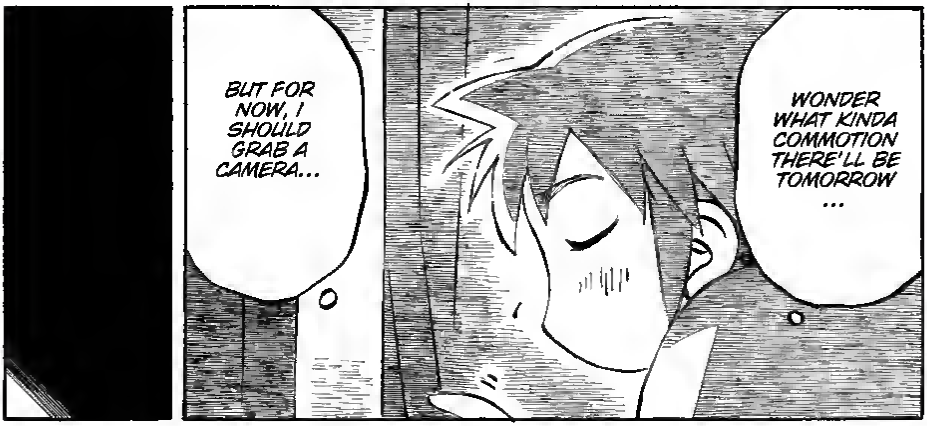
A HEAVY SNOWFALL...

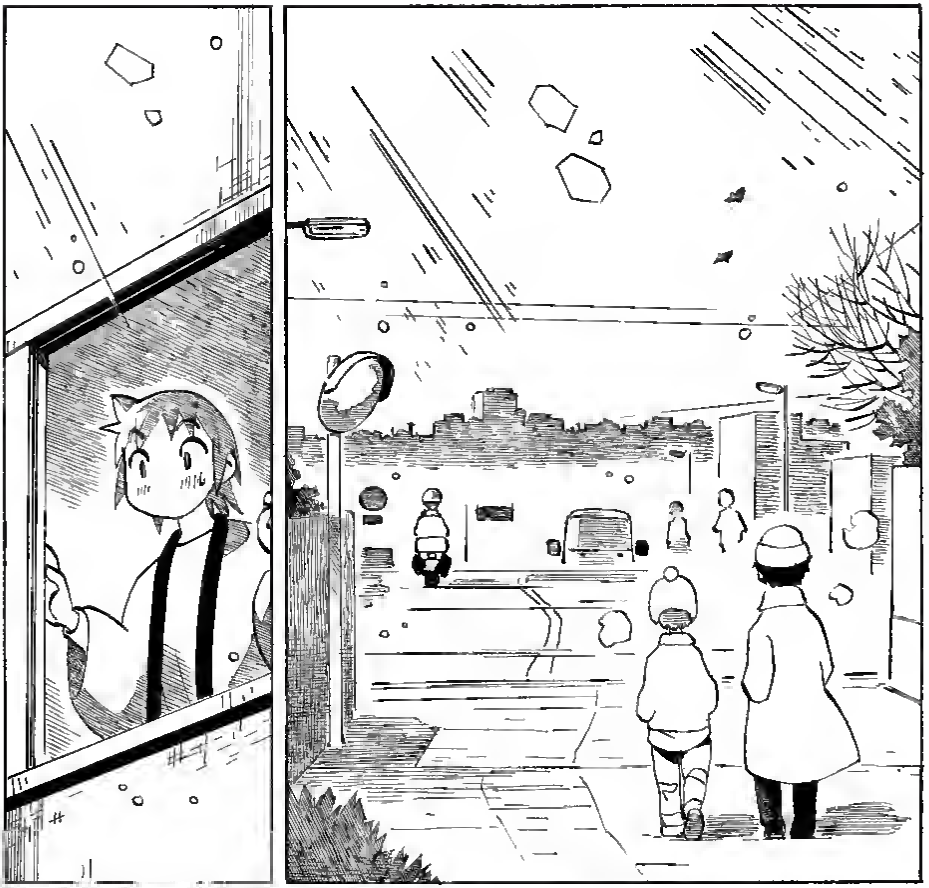

A VERITABLE SNOWY WONDERLAND LIES OUTSIDE.
THIS HUGE SNOWFALL MUST BE AN ALL TIME RECORD BREAKER.
ALL THE HOUSES ARE BURIED UP TO THEIR FIRST FLOORS. YOU CAN'T EVEN MAKE OUT THE ROAD.
THE WAY THINGS ARE NOW... THERE'S GONNA BE ONE HELL OF A PANIC TOMORROW.


NOTHING BUT STATIC ON THE TV... MY CELL PHONE HAS NO RECEPTION EITHER...
THE STREETLIGHTS GLOW FROM UNDERNEATH THE SNOW.


...NEVERTHELESS,
IT'S BEAUTIFUL.


OH, THAT'S RIGHT.
IT WASN'T QUITE AS BAD AS THIS,
BUT I REMEMBER IT SNOWED REALLY HEAVILY ONE DAY WHEN I WAS LITTLE.


BUT FOR NOW, I SHOULD GRAB A CAMERA...
WONDER WHAT KINDA COMMOTION THERE'LL BE TOMORROW ...



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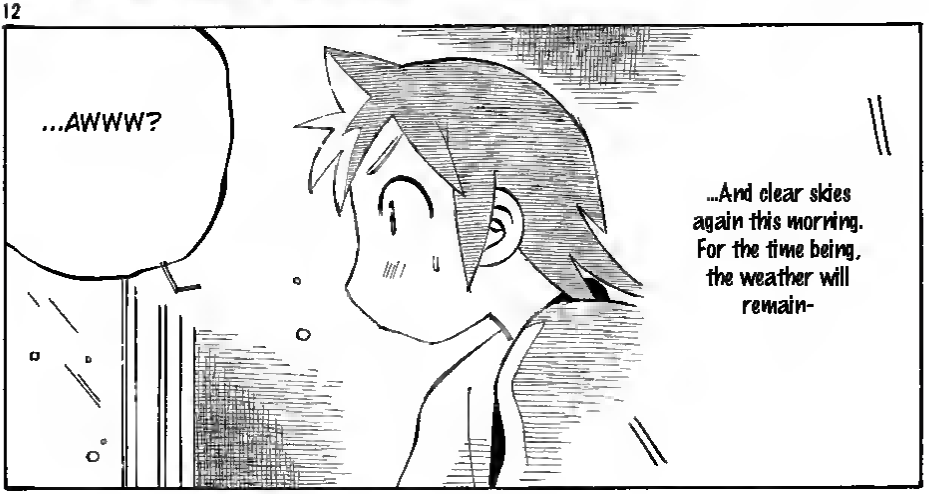
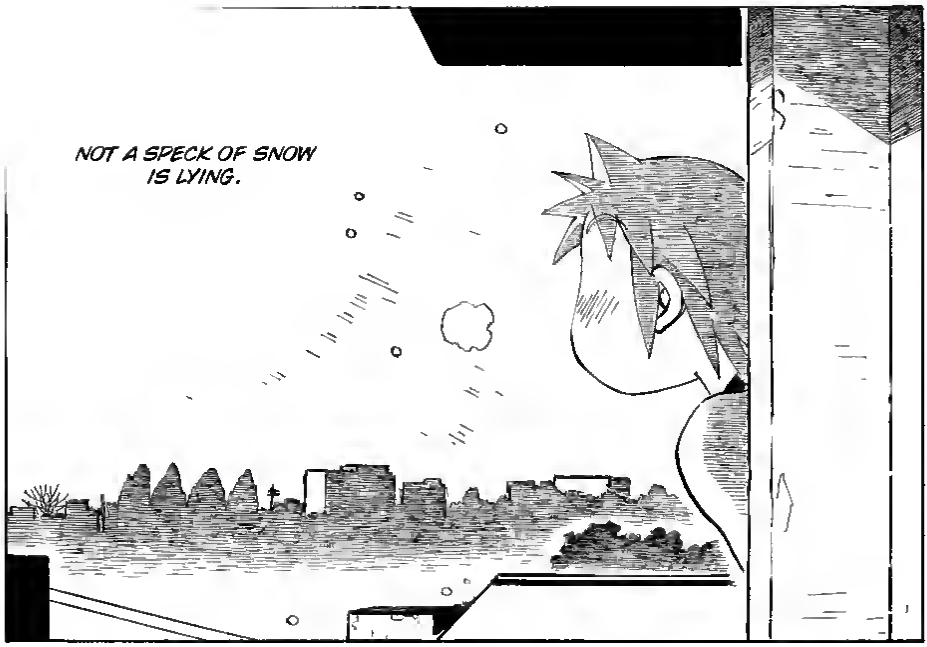
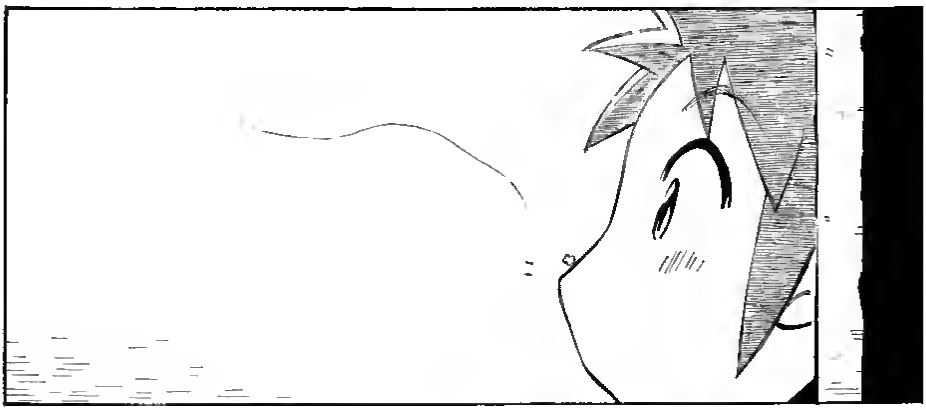

...AWWW?
...And clear skies again this morning. For the time being, the weather will remain-





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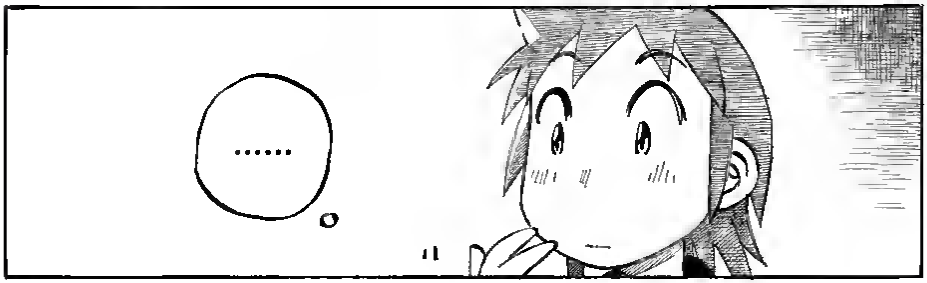

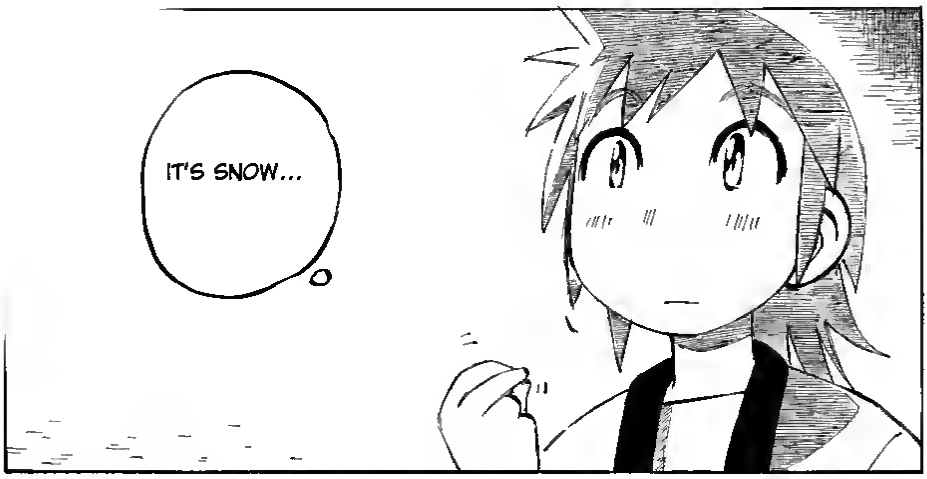
IT'S SNOW...

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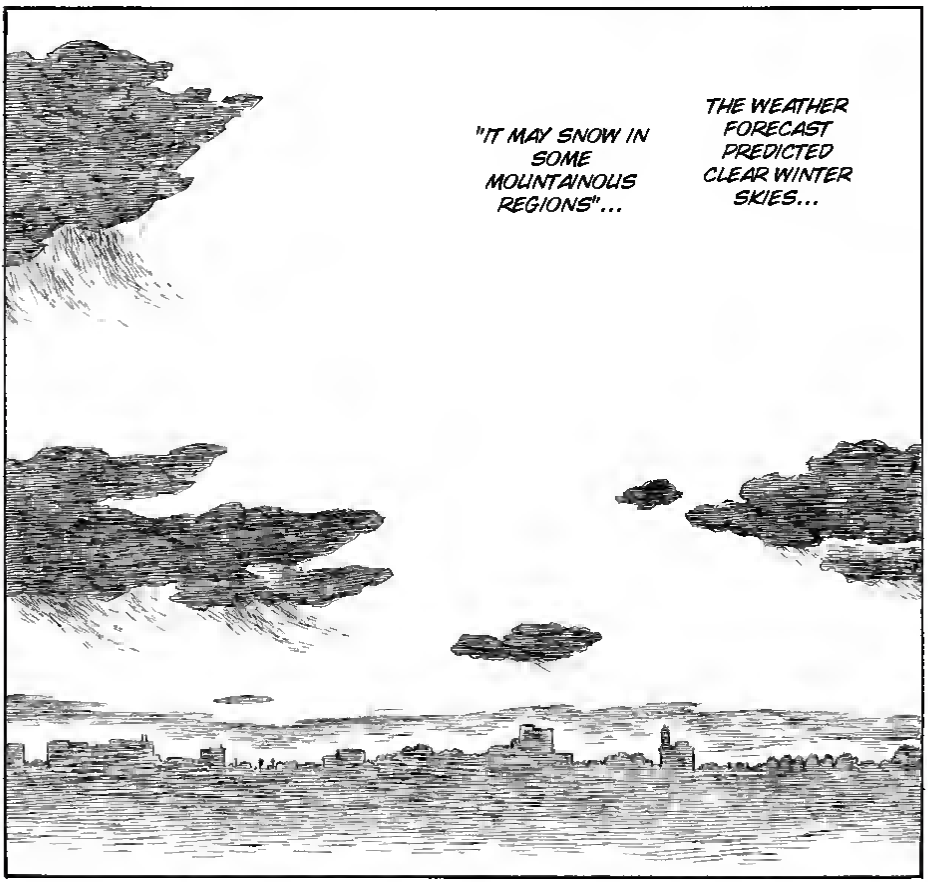
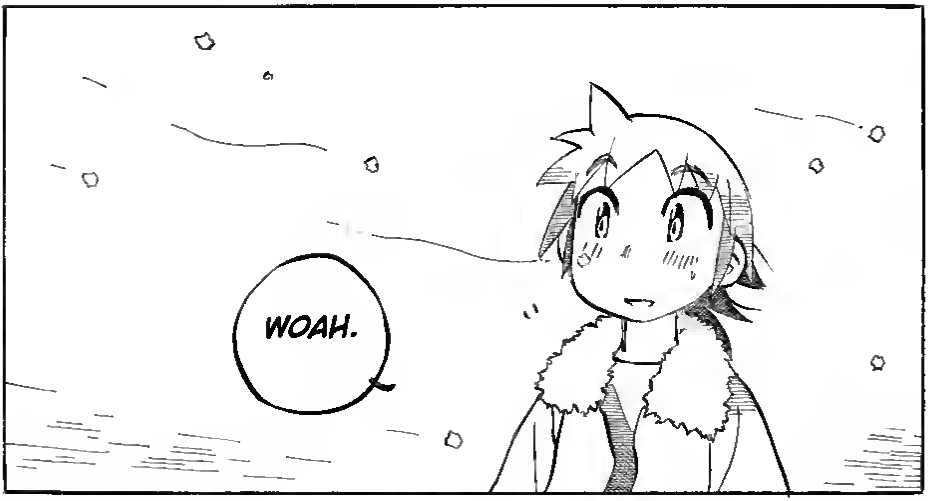
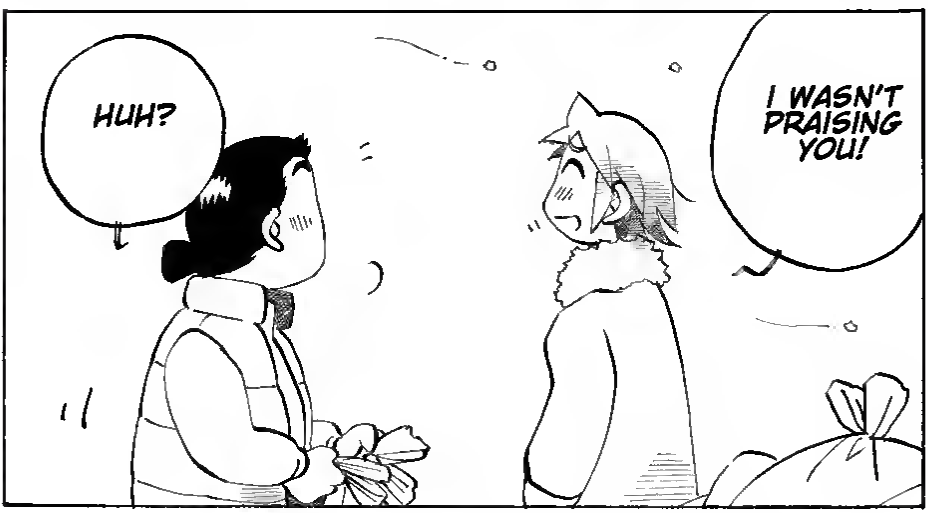

"IT MAY SNOW IN SOME MOUNTAINOUS REGIONS"...
THE WEATHER FORECAST PREDICTED CLEAR WINTER SKIES...

GUESS YOU'RE JUST SHOWING OFF NOW, HUH?
WE'RE PRETTY FAR FROM ANY MOUNTAINS HERE THOUGH.
...TURNED OUT TO BE A PRETTY UNUSUAL WINTER...
MAYBE WE'LL SEE THAT SNOWY LANDSCAPE AGAIN, AFTER ALL...


WOAH.


HUH?
I WASN'T PRAISING YOU!

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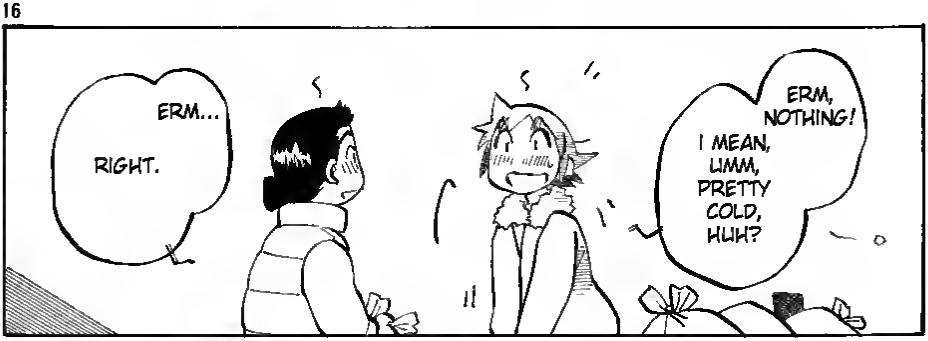
ERM...
RIGHT.
ERM, NOTHING!
I MEAN, UMM, PRETTY COLD, HUH?